



I do everything
to spread the
GOOD NEWS
and share in
its blessings.

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Eastpointe, Michigan

Connecting Individuals to Jesus and to One Another
Educating Minds – Growing Faith – Serving People

We are here to serve our community. As you worship with us online, the Lord Jesus is at work, uniting us as friends and family. If you are curious to learn more out ministry in the community, go to www.st-eastpointe.org, or like us on Face Book. To get your questions answered in a more personal way, contact the church office (586-772-3370) and ask for a pastor/staff member to give you a call.

Divine Service

Stories of God @ Work

RECEIVING THE GOOD NEWS

Opening Praise

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

[LSB 790, vs. 1, 2, 5]

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near, Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen All that is needful has been Sent by His gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen Sound from His people again; Gladly forever adore Him!

Entering Prayers

[Psalm 147]

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: It is good to sing praises to our God.

C: **The Lord heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.**

L: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

C: **The Lord lifts up the humble, but he casts the wicked to the ground.**

L: Almighty God, you sent your only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe with joy what the Scriptures proclaim through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth;
Good-will from God in heaven proclaimed at Jesus’ birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing –
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heavenly King.

To You, O sole-begotten, the Father’s Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in power are seated at God’s right hand on high.

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, be worshipped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father’s glory. “Amen!” our glad reply.

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

L: Today’s Scripture reading is from 1 Corinthians 9.

¹⁶If I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. ¹⁸What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

¹⁹For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. **I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.**

L: This is the word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Children’s Sermon and Attendance Registration

Please let us know you are watching by sending us a comment or an emoji.

Hymn of the Day

“Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old”

[LSB 846]

Your hand, O Lord, in days of old Was strong to heal and save;
It triumphed over ills and death, O’er darkness and the grave.
To You they came, the blind, the mute, The palsied and the lame,
The lepers in their misery, The sick with fevered frame.

Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health, Gave speech and strength and sight;
And youth renewed and frenzy calmed Revealed You, Lord of light.
And now, O Lord, be near to bless, Almighty as before,
In crowded street, by beds of pain, As by Gennes' ret's shore.

O be our great deliv'rer still, The Lord of life and death;
Restore and quicken, soothe and bless, With Your life-giving breath.
To hands that work and eyes that see Give wisdom's healing pow'r
That whole and sick and weak and strong May praise You evermore.

Sermon

"It's All About Jesus"

1 Corinthians 9:22-23

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

(see the back cover for this week's prayer concerns)

The Prayer of the Church

L: Let us pray to the Lord, who has dealt bountifully with us.

(after each petition)

L: Lord, in your mercy:

C: **Hear our prayer.**

L: All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C: **Amen.**

In your prayers this week please remember:

Our schools – public, private and those in homes –
and all connected to the education of our children and youth in this new year.
Owners and employees of small businesses in our state
Those who feel isolated or alone, along with those who suffer with depression.
Our individual and joint efforts of sharing God's peace and hope with all.

And we remember those who protect and nurture life on this earth, this week remembering those receiving the vaccine, along with all military families, emergency responders, and hospital, nursing home and hospice care workers.

To connect to the STL PRAYER CHAIN, contact Karen Dolan (mdolan421@gmail.com)

† In Our Thoughts and Prayers †

✠**For Loved Ones Called Home:** For the family of David Ottinger, friend from the community, who was called home on 1/30.

✠**Praise and Thanksgiving:** For the birth of a daughter, Leighton Elyse, to Ryan and Ashley O'Conner on 1/28.

✠**God's Healing Hand on:** Aletha Burbidge, Karen Hubbard, Larry Cichocki, JoAnn Awe, Henry & Laurie Bradychok, Ron Hess, Wyatt Cichocki (great-grandson of Larry & Karen), Jacob Smith (grandfather of Trevor Thomas), Erik Kuehn (former member), Jess Shovein and Kareem O'Bryant (friends of Shannon Dawda).

✠**Continued prayers for Healing & Strength for:** Lori Kucharek, Sieg Gannon, Elsie Adams, Chris Huber, Don Habermas, John Lemke (friend of Monica Hetzner), Beth White, Robert Laroche and Jan Adams (family of Elsie Adams), Tiffany Crow (granddaughter of Marilyn Redmond), Kathy Johnson (friend of Vicki Leberg), Claire Armstrong (granddaughter of Clyde & Carolyn Armstrong), Luella Riske (granddaughter of Jim, Thrivent Rep.), Karl Hallberg (son-in-law of Cardamone's), Payton Gifford (great-granddaughter of Jane Gurnack), Emily Henze (daughter-in-law of Caroline).

Voluntary



EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT THE STL MISSION There is a variety of ways to give your support to the mission of STL. For many the easiest is to simply mail in a check or drop your offering off at the church. If you prefer electronic giving, STL offers multiple options:

- Text "GIVE" to 1-586-800-2233
- Visit: <https://www.stl-eastpointe.org/2015/07/13/mission-support/>
- Go to <https://www.elexiogiving.com/app/giving/stthoms>
- Scan this Quick Response (QR) code
- Through your Pay Pal account

These will connect you to our on-line giving form, where you can have your mission support offering automatically taken from your checking account or use your credit or debit card (STL is charged extra fees for debit and credit card transactions). **You can even set up recurring giving with many of these options!** IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, OR DESIRE ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE (586-772-3370).

KINGDOM THOUGHTS

“Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.” **(Isaiah 40:28a)**

What does it mean that God created you “and still preserves you”?

Offertory

“Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ”

[LSB 567, vs 1, 5-6]

Thy works, not mine, O Christ, Speak gladness to this heart;
They tell me all is done, They bid my fear depart. **Refrain**

Refrain: To whom save Thee, Who canst alone For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

Thy death, not mine, O Christ, Has paid the ransom due;
Ten thousand deaths like mine Would have been all too few. **Refrain**

Thy righteousness, O Christ, Alone can cover me;
No righteousness avails Save that which is of Thee. **Refrain**

Confession and Absolution

[Romans 10]

L: The word is near you; in your mouth and in your heart, that is, the word of faith that we proclaim.

C: If we declare with our mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in our heart that God raised him from the dead, we will be saved.

L: There is no difference between Jew and Gentile – the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him.

C: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

L: Together as His people let us call upon the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ.

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, open our ears and our hearts to your Word, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

(silence for reflection and self-examination)

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and by his blood we are made new. As a called and ordained servant of Jesus, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SENT TO THE MISSION FIELD

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, chapter 1.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹[Jesus] left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon’s mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. ³³The whole city was gathered together at the door. ³⁴And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. He would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵Rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, ³⁷they found him and said to him, “Everyone is looking for you.” ³⁸And he said to them, “Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.” ³⁹And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

We Profess our Faith

“The Apostles Creed”

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into

heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Service of the Sacrament

[Psalm 112]

L: Blessed is he who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in his commands.

C: Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.

L: He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor.

C: His righteousness endures forever.

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

The Words of Institution

Private Prayer before Communing

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you we may glorify your holy name and finally by your mercy obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Distribution of the Sacrament

The Canticle

"O Savior, Precious Savior"

[LSB 527, vs 1 & 4]

O Savior, precious Savior, Whom yet unseen we love;
O name of might and favor, All other names above,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our holy Lord and King.

O grant the consummation Of this our song above
In endless adoration And everlasting love;
Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where perfect praises ring,
And evermore confess Thee, Our Savior and our King!

Distribution Hymn

"When to Our World the Savior Came"

[LSB 551]
(tune 831)

When to our world the Savior came The sick and helpless heard His name,
And in their weakness longed to see The healing Christ of Galilee.
That good physician! Night and day The people thronged about His way;
And wonder ran from soul to soul, "The touch of Christ has made us whole!"

His praises then were heard and sung
By opened ears and loosened tongue,
While lightened eyes could see and know
The healing Christ of long ago.

Of long ago: yet living still, Who died for us on Calv'ry's hill;
Who triumphed over cross and grave, His healing hands stretched forth to save.

His sov'reign purpose still remains Who rose in pow'r, and lives and reigns;
Till ev'ry tongue confess His praise, The healing Christ of all our days.

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Prayer as you go home

Almighty God give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put upon ourselves the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus came to visit us in great humility, that in the last day, when he shall come again in glory, we may rise to the life immortal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*You are now living in
the (your)
Mission Field*

"The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few.

Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send YOU out into his harvest." (Matthew 9:37-38)

NEXT SUNDAY

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 14, 2021

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4.1, 5-6 / Mark 9:2-9

Sermon Topic: "Behold the Glory of the Lord!"

Text: 2 Corinthians 3:15-18

Clothing Closet Open – February 13th

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Food Pantry Open – February 20th

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Virtual Sunday School

Find information on THE FLOCK at www.STL-eastpointe.org.



Now enrolling at CrossBridge, St. Thomas Preschool! We offer the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) for 4 year olds on Monday – Thursday. **Call Michele Jones for more information or an appointment to enroll; 586-260-6576.**

LUTHERAN NORTHWEST

Looking for an outstanding Christian high school option for your son or daughter or know someone who is? **LUTHERAN NORTHWEST in Rochester Hills is now accepting applications for new students for Fall 2021!** Learn more about the school and apply online at www.lutherannorthwest.com. Our application fee will increase by \$50 on 2/1 so now is an ideal time to complete this step and join our Crusader family. Questions? Call our Admissions Office at 248-852-6677. We'd love to hear from you!

Lent 2021

ASH WEDNESDAY- February 17th

Ashes: 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 – Gym Lobby

Ashes: 8:45 – 11:00 – Church Office

Communion Services (with ashes) at Noon and 7:00 p.m.

MIDWEEK LENTEN CAR-oling - Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

In the front parking lot AND or Facebook Live

THEME: "Lent – A Season of Renewal"

Weekly, February 24th through March 24th

Planning on worshipping virtually and would like a worship folder emailed or mailed to you, please contact the church office at churchoffice@stl-eastpointe.org or call us.

HOLY WEEK is March 28 – April 4th

Palm Sunday Communion Services - 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday – April 1st

Communion for individuals / families 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

VIRTUAL JOURNEY TO THE CROSS at www.stl-eastpointe.org

Good Friday Communion – April 2nd

Worship Services at Noon and 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday – April 4th

8:00 a.m. – Sunrise Service in Front Parking Lot

9:30 a.m. – Festival Communion Service

Our Confession of Faith

As members of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LC-MS), we subscribe to the three ecumenical creeds (Apostles, Nicene and Athanasian) and the Christian faith as confessed in the Book of Concord. This includes believing that:

- Jesus Christ is both true God and true man who died for our sins and rose again to save us.
- His body/blood are truly present in communion under the form of bread/wine (page 326).
- Communion is, among other things, an expression of doctrinal unity.
- Infant baptism is a Means of Grace through which God delivers one from sin and gives eternal salvation to all who believe (page 325 in Lutheran Service Book).

Office Hours are Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

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